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The Field

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

Annual Conference Session

The Central California Conference opened Tuesday evening, April 28. There were a goodly number of delegates present at the first meeting, and the representation was very materially increased during the days following.

The location of the meeting is ideal in many respects. It is the most beautiful ground, I think, I have ever seen any camp-meeting held upon. The shade from the beautiful trees in the park is abundant, the grassy carpet beneath is very agreeable, and the walks under the vine-clad arbors, lighted with electricity, and the flower gardens, make the location ideal indeed. It is somewhat removed from the city, and in some ways this is desirable, for we have not been interrupted in the business of the conference by the noise of the city. However, in the camp-meeting proper it will

be somewhat objectionable to be so far out, making it difficult for the people to attend; and yet a good car service passes the ground every few minutes.

The sweet Spirit of the Lord was present in the meetings from the first. Many of the laborers stated that from the time they came upon the ground to begin work, they felt God's Holy Spirit, and were sure He would be present to bless in the meeting to follow. Each business meeting was characterized by the presence of God's Spirit, and all seemed conscious of His guidance.

The camp-meeting proper begins today, May 1, and will close Sunday, the tenth. We feel confident that it will be a rich season of refreshing for all who attend, and we trust that our people throughout the union conference will attend the meetings in their locality.

E. E. Andross,

Pres. Pacific Union Conf.

Central California Camp-Meeting

Beginning Tuesday night, April 28, and continuing until next Sunday, May 10, the Central California Conference session and camp-meeting are this week in progress at Fresno.

Recreation Park, a beautiful picnic ground two miles from the center of the city, was secured for the meetings. About one hundred family tents have been pitched among the delightful shade-trees of the park. Our people are using the large assembly hall in the center of the ground for the general services, in place of pitching their own pavilion. There are also one or two other large wooden structures, which are utilized as kitchen, dining-room, store, and for other purposes. The rental price for the grounds throughout the time of the

meeting—\$150—includes the use of the buildings, water, electric lights, etc., which should make the expense in conducting this camp-meeting reasonable.

The conference sessions during the first few days were quite well attended by delegates and visitors from the churches. Everything had been well planned to expedite matters in the business affairs of the meeting. Elder J. H. Behrens presided at the conference sessions, and Brother G. A. Wheeler acted as secretary.

Among those present, besides the local ministers of the conference, are Elder E. E. Andross, president of the Pacific Union Conference; Elders E. W. Farnsworth and B. E. Beddoe, and Brother F. A. Coffin, of the California Conference; Elder F. M. Burg, of southern California; Elders C. L. Taggart and H. Shultz, of the Northern California Conference; Elder A. G. Christiansen, of the Nevada Mission; Prof. M. E. Cady, Elder G. W. Reaser, Elder J. O. Corliss, C. E. Weaks, and Claude Conard, of the Pacific Union Conference. Also Brethren James Cochran and G. C. Hoskin, of the Pacific Press Publishing Association, are assisting in the book tent upon the ground.

Up to the Sabbath, May 2, two conference sessions were held each day, with preaching services in the evenings. Most of the regular business was finished by that time, and during this week the camp-meeting proper is in progress.

Separate meetings are held for the young people, by Miss Lyda Ackley and Elder B. E. Beddoe; and for the Scandinavians and Germans, in charge of Elders N. P. Neilsen and G. A. Grauer respectively. Elder A. G. Christiansen

is assisting in the Scandinavian work, and Elder H. Shultz in the German. Children's meetings are also conducted, under the direction of Mrs. J. H. Behrens.

Brother F. A. Coffin, formerly secretary of the tract society in the California Conference, is getting good space for reports of the meetings, in the daily papers of Fresno.

Elder J. H. Behrens, the president of the Central California Conference for the past three years, has been asked by the North American Division Conference to take work in North Carolina, and he and his family will leave shortly for their new field.

Elder B. E. Beddoe, of the California Conference, was elected president of the conference for the ensuing year. Brother G. A. Wheeler was reelected secretary and treasurer. The new executive committee are B. E. Beddoe, Nis Hansen, F. E. Brown, E. H. Adams, Dr. A. N. Loper, N. P. Neilsen, and G. A. Grauer.

A good spirit of earnestness in seeking the Lord has been manifested by those in attendance at the meetings. This is especially true in the early morning devotional services.

A full report of the conference proceedings will no doubt appear in next week's RECORDER.

Claude Conard.

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
Capital City Camp-Meeting**

In one month from this date, we will doubtless be assembling in Sacramento, for the largest and best camp-meeting ever held in this conference. Already many desiring information are writing to the office, wishing to know the prices of tents, date of meeting, etc.

We trust that all will bear in mind the date — June 10-21. Commit this so thoroughly to memory that when you speak to your brother or sister Adventist, neighbor, or friend, you will call attention to the date also. California people are very busy, and it is necessary to plan beforehand in order that business matters may be so adjusted that it will be possible to attend a gathering of this kind; but we know the Lord is pleased when we make definite efforts to congregate in this manner and enjoy a feast of good things. Let each

pray earnestly that the Lord will be present and give to His people just those things that they are most in need of.

As we have always had to hire a number of outside tents, we would appreciate your orders' being placed as early as possible, so that we may get some idea as to how many outside tents it will be necessary to rent. We trust that you will not put this matter aside, thinking that it will be more convenient to write us later, as we have often had the experience of a number of our good people coming and asking for tents Friday night, and it has been embarrassing both to them and to us to tell them that there was not an empty tent on the ground for them. All orders for tents should be sent direct to the conference office. Do not address them to any individual, but to the Northern California Conference, Lodi, California. The rates on tents for this coming year will be the same as heretofore.

12 x 17 tents	\$3.50
12 x 17 burlap75
12 x 17 fly75
10 x 12 tents	2.50
10 x 12 burlap50
10 x 12 fly50

We are receiving letters from the various railroads, granting us the usual concessions of one and one third fare, round trip, and we are glad to inform our people that the Northern Electric Railway has also granted this concession on the receipt certificate plan. Further announcement of this will be made later.

The missionary society has this morning received a freight shipment of about six hundred dollars' worth of Bibles to be used at the camp-meeting. They are the very latest and most desirable bindings. Those who may be in need of a good Bible will find at the book tent in Sacramento their best opportunity to be supplied with just what they want. Save your orders for us, and we can assure you that you will not be disappointed. We are also planning to have one of the best selected stocks of our denominational books that have ever been presented at one of our camp-meetings.

We trust that you will help us out, and plan for this camp-meeting, keeping it in mind yourself, preparing to be present, and inviting all others who should be there.

Verah MacPherson.

Conference Items

Impressive services were held at Lodi on Sunday, April 26, at the laying of the foundation of the Lodi English church building. Elder Taggart read from Ezra 3, "And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple, . . . they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the Lord," etc., after which a prayer was offered, asking God to hallow this parcel of ground. As this location is only one and one half blocks from the old church, in a few minutes after this service, this building was filled to its capacity. Very appropriate exercises were carried out. Elder Taggart spoke for one half hour. He remarked that in looking up the building of the temple at the three different times, we find as much about their services when laying the foundation as when they dedicated the building. All the brethren and sisters seemed to enter into the spirit of the meeting, and we believe a great blessing will come to this church, the same as came to Israel of old when they "began to build the house of the Lord."

Elder C. M. Gardner and Elder M. C. Israel began a tent meeting at Escalon Friday, May 1. This is a rapidly growing town at the crossing of the Santa Fe and the Tidewater and Southern Railway.

Elder Sims is working faithfully from house to house, together with the church in Chico. We hope to be able to make a strong effort there in the near future.

We have great hopes that the camp-meeting to be held in Sacramento, June 10-21, will be the largest we have had in this conference.

Those planning to come to the camp-meeting at Sacramento, might do some missionary work by encouraging others to attend.

Elder F. DeWitt Gautereau will hold a local tent effort in the suburbs of Stockton beginning May 6.

We hope all will remember the date of the camp-meeting — June 10-21; conference, June 10-12.

Office.

CALIFORNIA

Oakland Missionary Meeting

The Oakland church has a missionary meeting once every two weeks, on Wednesday night. Could you have been there last Wednesday night, you would have been impressed with what can be accomplished through simple missionary acts and a constant watching for souls. "For over a year," said Brother Bond, when the meeting was thrown open for experiences, "several of us have been going with literature every Sabbath to the county jail." He described how they would talk with the men through the grates of the cells, and have singing, etc. "Last Sabbath we did not have our singers with us, and the time was spent in personal heart-to-heart talks with the men. One man who has been studying quite earnestly of late was a photographer here in Oakland. The men now call him the parson. Last Sabbath he told us that he had read 'Great Controversy' through, and had been studying the SIGNS OF THE TIMES. Said he: 'I am very much impressed with this second coming of the Saviour. I believe in it as I compare these writings with the Bible.' His cell mate is a Japanese, and we have arranged for some of our Japanese brethren to study with him."

Through a magazine taken from a blind woman on the street, a Catholic man, employed in the gas works, who has heretofore turned a deaf ear to everything that one of our brethren working near him has tried to interest him in, has become interested and is studying the truth. Brother Rickey told of the experience, and the story of how the Lord is working there with a number now accepting literature and asking questions was a touching one.

A young woman who said she could not get out very much, told of having given a man who called for something to eat a copy of "Steps to Christ" while she was preparing something for him. "This is a beautiful book," said he. "I wish I could have it." He promised to read it through, and she received a blessing in giving him the book.

"There seems to be more in this missionary work than there used to be," testified a brother who keeps a grocery store and is coming in touch with many people. "I think it is because I am putting more effort into it. That being

the case, I seem to have more opportunities." Then he told of several experiences in handing tracts on various subjects, and entering into conversations that have gained the interest of several.

Truly, as expressed by Sister Nellie Guerin, the missionary secretary of the Oakland church, the missionary spirit is rising. Larger amounts of literature are called for and more people are reporting. About two hundred *Signs* weeklies have been ordered for use during the next six months. Many magazines are handled in connection with the Sunday night meetings. The tract circulation is increasing. Wednesday night the society voted to continue their temperance work by ordering a thousand each of the three new temperance tracts just off the press.

Surely the time has come for increased activity throughout all our churches. We trust that this little report may carry inspiration to other churches throughout the California Conference, and help to stimulate the interest in continuous personal efforts to win souls for Christ.

J. R. Ferren.

Japanese Day at Mountain View Church

The regular service hour of Sabbath, May 2, was devoted to our Japanese interests. The local training-school, where one of our brethren and three sisters assist in teaching the several classes, was well represented on the program. Several Japanese friends were with us, and seemed pleased with the services. Native costumes were worn by Brother Watanabe and Sister Okiu. The program follows:

"The Japanese School and Its Results," Brother Watanabe. "How the Truth Came to Me, and Recent Experiences," Brother Tanase. "Work of Our Japanese School," Mrs. Crane. "Influence of the School on Spiritual Life of the Japanese People in Mountain View," L. H. Lukens. "Japanese Work in Oakland, and Its Relation to the Mountain View Japanese School," Brother Kaneko. "A Brief Review of Our Work in Japan," C. N. Lake. Japanese national hymn, led by Mrs. C. N. Lake. Offering, over \$25, for local Japanese work. Song by church choir.

It was an unlooked for pleasure to have Brother Kaneko, of Oakland, with us. His speech, and the speeches of the

other Japanese brethren as well, were excellent, and were delivered in much better English than was expected.

The writer pointed out the fact that our best and most dependable workers in Japan are those who received their training in this country. Here they come in contact with the organization, learn best methods of work, and through the English acquired, are able to delve for those precious gems of truth which are to be found in our books and periodicals. So we confidently believe our money is well spent when it is given for the support of the Japanese training-school, and the results thus far attained prompt us to recommend this same work to other churches that may be as favorably located for it as is the Mountain View church.

C. N. Lake.

ARIZONA

Phoenix

Since the city effort held by Elders A. S. Booth, G. W. Reaser, and me, I have spent several weeks in "follow up" work. I baptized several more, and at least eight or nine others are almost ready for this step. Elder C. D. M. Williams will look after them, he being pastor of the Phoenix church. I will leave the first week in May to join Elder W. L. Sims in a tent effort at Thatcher, in southeastern Arizona. This is a strong Mormon community, yet we are sure there must be honest hearts there looking for truth, and we hope, by the grace of God, to light a brilliant lamp in that place.

Like the temperance advocates in California, we in Arizona are working for state-wide prohibition this year, and feel very confident of success. The forces have entered into the battle, leaving all other interests aside, as party politics, denominational lines, etc., which gives promise of good organization and victory.

The Seventh-day Adventists were requested to send a representative to act as a member of the state executive committee, and I was asked to fill the place. While meeting with them, I have been watching and working for an opportunity to have them use the Temperance *Instructor*, and last week the committee authorized the general manager of the campaign to order 25,000 copies for this purpose. This is the only campaign

literature ordered so far by the committee. Their action speaks highly for the value of the paper, does it not?

M. A. Hollister.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

How Two Families Received the Truth

Two brothers from San Diego were spending a few days in Imperial working at their trade. In the evening they chanced to drop in where our brethren were holding meetings. The subject the first night was the Sabbath, and they became interested. They were there only a few days, so did not hear much.

While they were listening to the truth in Imperial, a member of our missionary society was visiting their wives with reading-matter. Consequently when the brothers returned, they were all interested in the truth and wanted to hear more. Our Bible worker, Brother Henry Zutt, was put in touch with them, and as a result it was the writer's privilege to bury these precious souls with their Lord in baptism last Sabbath. The Lord is still working. Let us work too.

Silas Davis.

Temperance

GREAT ISSUE BEFORE CONGRESS

Church Elders, Attention!

One of the greatest issues now before Congress is the constitutional amendment for national prohibition. On April 15 and 16 the Judiciary Committee of the Senate and that of the House of Representatives granted hearings to those who were in favor of this proposed amendment.

The Religious Liberty Association had opportunity on both occasions to present the views of Seventh-day Adventists upon this question. The leading temperance workers of the country were present, and a very favorable impression was apparently made upon both committees. On April 26 the opposition will present their arguments to the Senate Judiciary Committee against the amendment for national prohibition. Hundreds of thousands of petitions,

some favoring and some opposing this amendment, have been sent to Congress. Next to the tolls question, it is the most lively issue engaging the attention of Congress.

I firmly believe that if the temperance forces bestir themselves at this time, they can win. Our people everywhere ought to rally in this nation-wide issue. One of the most effective ways to accomplish results in a cause of this kind is to educate the public, arouse public sentiment, and then enlist their services and influence in sending petitions to Congress.

Anticipating this great fight for national prohibition, we inserted in the current number of *Liberty* a "Petition to Congress" favoring this amendment. The current issue of *Liberty* contains also a splendid article on prohibition, from Ex-Governor Patterson, of Tennessee, as well as the decisions of three state supreme courts, which declare Sunday laws to be void and unconstitutional.

Our churches everywhere ought to order at least a club of fifty *Liberty* magazines containing this "Petition to Congress," secure signatures, and then send the petitions at once to either the Hon. Morris Sheppard, care of United States Senate, Washington, D. C., or to the Hon. Richard P. Hobson, care of House of Representatives, Washington, D. C. Quick action is needed. Now is the opportune time to strike an effective blow.

Order fifty copies for two dollars, and sell them for ten cents a copy. Tear out the "Petition to Congress," which appears on one of the inside pages of the magazine, and get busy securing signatures.

Remember that the spirit of prophecy says: "The advocates of temperance fail to do their whole duty unless they exert their influence, by precept and example, by voice and pen and vote, in behalf of prohibition and total abstinence. . . . This evil must be more boldly met in the future than it has been in the past."

We are not doing our duty unless we come "to the help of the Lord against the mighty." Read Judges 5:23. Let our church leaders ponder over this verse.

C. S. Longacre,

Gen. Conf. Sec. Religious
Liberty Association.

Cooperation Important

The article appearing in this issue of the RECORDER, from Elder C. S. Longacre, is self-explanatory. It does seem as if the Lord were opening the way for us to do the work along temperance lines that He has so long expected of us. I sincerely hope that our people everywhere will take advantage of this opportunity, and come to the front in this work, doing everything possible to secure victory to the temperance forces. I shall be glad to see our church officers throughout this union conference take up the matter of securing signatures to petitions in favor of the national prohibition amendment to the Constitution, and forward the same to Washington at the earliest possible date. By securing the current copies of the *Liberty* Magazine, you can obtain a petition to Congress that can be filled out and forwarded as directed in Brother Longacre's article.

Regarding the temperance issue in California, I sincerely hope that our people will not slacken their efforts in behalf of this cause. However, much wisdom is needed in order to carry forward the work successfully. It would be very much better if we would begin moderately, in a systematic way, in this campaign, and let our efforts gradually increase as the campaign draws to a close, and then with a supreme effort assist the temperance forces throughout the state to win the victory at the November election.

Carefully prepared literature may be had through the conference tract societies, that has recently been published by the *Signs of the Times* office, and I especially advise our people everywhere to use this literature, with the *Temperance Instructor*, and other special editions of our papers specially prepared for use in the campaign. I believe it would be much better to do this than to prepare literature locally. We can not afford to risk our reputation along these lines by putting out, and thus placing our endorsement upon, things that might be written that have not received careful scrutiny. It is always best, in any great movement, to use special care in the literature that is placed before the public. I am sure the blessing of God will come upon the effort of our people everywhere as they

intelligently and energetically cooperate with the temperance forces in this great movement. E. E. Andross,
Pres. Pac. Union Conf.

W. C. T. U. in San Joaquin County

Accompanying this you will find copies of testimonials for the Temperance *Instructor*, and I will tell you of my work with the W. C. T. U. in San Joaquin County, hoping it may prove an incentive to our women in other counties to go and do likewise. We have eighteen unions in this county.

Beginning with my home union, Lodi, fifty copies were ordered. To the other seventeen, sample copies were sent with a letter telling the mission of the paper, and something of the good that has been accomplished by it, quoting from the recommendations of Mrs. Van Buskirk and Mrs. Estes.

One union ordered ten copies, another fifty copies. Several have assured me of their interest, and promised to order later. The Sacramento union was visited, and fifty copies were ordered.

I find these ladies always courteous, and ever ready to respond when something of real merit is presented; and it would almost seem that fifty copies put out by them would carry more weight than one hundred put out by our people.

Prohibition is a live issue in California now, and we can not open too many doors for the presentation of the truth. What better opening wedge can we use than the Temperance *Instructor*?

(Mrs.) Dora E. Henton.

"I have never seen a magazine equal to the *Youth's Instructor* in educational value on the effects of alcohol and tobacco upon the human body and society. I have recently purchased and distributed fifty copies of this magazine, with the hope that it may be the means of educating many who have never given these subjects serious thought.

(Mrs.) Angie B. Van Buskirk,
"President of Lodi Union, and State Superintendent of Juvenile Courts, Industrial Education, and Anti-Child Labor."

"I have carefully noted the temperance annual of the *Youth's Instructor*, and believe it to be not only worth the price, but valuable as a teacher of the fact that prohibition is coming to stay

because the eyes of the blind are being opened to the knowledge of the truth concerning the effects of alcohol and narcotics upon the system as taught by this edition. I would like to recommend its use, and hope it may have a wide circulation.

"(Mrs.) Addie Garwood Estes,
"Vice-President-at-Large."

Educational

A Difficult Lesson

[Paper presented in examination in second class Bible class, Loma Linda College of Medical Evangelists, February, 1914.]

"My grace is sufficient for thee: for My strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me." 2 Cor. 12:9.

His grace is sufficient—sufficient to speak pardon and peace to every troubled heart; sufficient to subdue sin and deliver us from every master passion; sufficient to protect us from the snares and delusions of our adversary; sufficient to uphold us when we are subjected to the fiery trial or are passing through deep waters of experience; sufficient to make our service powerful and effective; sufficient to heal every physical malady and to provide for every temporal need. This all-sufficient grace—what a panacea for human ills!

But this can be made all-sufficient only in our weakness, for "My strength is made perfect in weakness." We must realize that without Christ we "can do nothing"—but that through Him we can do all things.

"The weaker and more helpless you know yourself to be, the stronger will you become in His strength."

This constant distrust of self, and utter dependence upon God—a lesson more difficult to learn and easier to forget than the hardest problem in geometry or the most complex structure in anatomy.

Many of us must learn in the "school of infirmities," as did Paul. May we not, with him, rather glory in these things, that we may not only fully realize our weakness, but may more perfectly learn His strength and all-sufficient grace?
Lenore D. Campbell.

Work of the Church Schools

A Seventh-Grade Bible Composition

My pupils of the seventh grade were asked to write a composition. The following was written by a thirteen-year-old girl, in about half an hour. Her parents are foreigners, and she has no help in her studies at home.

I send this as an especial message to those who are sacrificing to keep their children in the Lord's chosen schools.

One of the Teachers.

Paul is now at Ephesus. He has raised a prosperous church there. He has news that the church at Corinth is drifting away from the truth. It was a young church, and Paul was especially drawn towards them, as he had never before felt drawn towards any church. He writes to them, and his letters are gentle reproofs, as though he were reproofing a child. He shows them the truth in all its bearings.

He draws a comparison between the foot races of their time, which were one of their greatest pleasures, and the race for eternal life. Only one man can gain the laurel, only one the honors. As the foremost one nears the goal, he puts forth every effort to gain it. His heart is centered on that one thing. Ah, this is the worldly crown! How about the heavenly crown? Can only one win that crown? No! It is free to all who will come up to standard, who will put forth every effort as they near the goal.

Christ died for us. He was crucified for our sins, that we might reach the goal. He died because of His love for us.

Love is the greatest gift of the Spirit. Without love we are nothing. The man "that hath not love, knoweth not God."

When one member of the body suffers, the others all feel and sympathize with it. And so it should be in the church. We should all feel for each other in one another's sorrow, or trouble, and thus show our love for each other. We are members of Christ's body; and when we do not sympathize and feel for each other, it shows our disloyalty to our Master, and we are no longer counted as one of the members, because we have not love.

Book Work

Canvassing Notes

The institute at Pacific Union College will be held one week later than previously announced through the RECORDER, because of special meetings that are to be held with the students during the week beginning May 9. If present plans carry, the institute will open May 18, and continue for two weeks.

Brother Walter Harper recently left Loma Linda for Nevada, where he is working among the mining people in and around Goldfield and Tonopah. He writes that the Lord is going before him in a marvelous way. While business is at almost a standstill around Goldfield, the Lord blessed him with about \$350 worth of orders during the first two weeks. His last report was from Tonopah.

The Bonnie brothers, who recently came from Australia, have, with Brother Munson, gone to Nevada County, California, to canvass for "Practical Guide." These brethren have had a long and successful experience in this work in Australia, so we bespeak success for them in their new field.

We are glad to have Brother L. R. Ackerman, field agent of Utah, with us again. He has been temporarily engaged in other work for a few months, but has recently sent on the good news that he would be in the field May 1. We will look for some good reports from Utah in the near future. Certainly that great state, with its more than 400,000 people, has great opportunities for the book man.

The institute at Lodi Academy is now in progress. Brother Rich, field agent of Northern California Conference, where the Lodi school is located, is very hopeful for a good season of work. The most encouraging feature of his work is that men and women of mature years are enlisting for service. Five workers are now in the field. Another, a young man of previous experience, left Lodi this week, and is driving through to Siskiyou County, four hun-

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 24, 1914

Agent	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Helps	Value	Delivered
Arizona						
* G. H. Reese	C. K. Span.	61	34		\$62.50	\$80.00
C. F. Innis	C. K. Span.	23	6		30.45	5.25
2 Agents		84	40		\$92.95	\$85.25
* Four weeks.						
Southern California						
W. O. James	H. & H.	10	7		\$17.50	
L. R. Hunton	D. & R.	16	3	\$1.50	10.50	
Charles Millar	Heralds	43	14		31.00	
Ray Millett						\$97.60
Miscellaneous		10	8		28.00	28.00
				\$1.50	\$87.00	\$125.60
California						
A. R. Hill	B. F. L.	34	9	\$4.50	\$18.00	
L. E. Hill	B. F. L.	5	2	2.25	5.25	
Mrs. D. Liebhart	G. C.		1		3.00	
Andrew Carlson	P. P. F.					\$ 6.75
4 Agents			12	\$6.75	\$26.25	\$ 6.75
Northern California						
* Walter Harper	P. G., D. & R., Min., P. P.	90	118	\$35.35	\$346.75	
M. A. Reese	B. R.	31	11	3.10	40.10	\$45.55
H. W. Barto	P. G.	18	10	.65	35.65	
G. B. Morrison	B. R.	25	7	2.40	27.40	10.40
Melvin Munson	P. G.	15	3		16.50	
Mrs. S. J. Sommons	Heralds	9½	1	.75	2.75	
Miscellaneous	Forty per cent			7.75	7.75	
Miscellaneous	Fifty per cent				.75	
				\$50.00	\$477.65	\$55.95
* Two weeks' work.						

dred miles to the north, where he will take up the work. Three other men from Sacramento expect to be in the field soon.

Brother C. C. Morlan is as busy as ever, looking after those now in the field, and starting others. Southern California expects to have a banner year in the book work.

C. E. Weeks,
General Field Agent P. U. Conf.
May 1.

Worn-Out Territory

We so often hear people say, when the colporteur work is mentioned to them, "O, you can't sell books in this field, because it has been canvassed to death, and the territory is worn out." But does this harmonize with the statement in the Testimonies which says that the more of this literature there is circulated the greater will be the demand for it? Not only is it out of harmony with the teachings of the spirit of prophecy, but it is contrary to reason.

I have just returned from a trip in

the field where I have canvassed regularly for the last four summers. The first day we canvassed on this trip, the Lord blessed us with seventeen dollars worth of orders. We took several orders in Catholic homes for "Daniel and the Revelation"; and in many Protestant homes where we called, we found people anxious to hear about the prophecies, but they said they seldom went to church, because their ministers did not preach the message. We found people who were really hungering for the truth. Yet this was in a town that had been worn out (?) by too much canvassing, and where some people have said that books can not be sold.

While conducting one of our institutes in southern California this spring, Brother Weeks and I took advantage of spare time and did some canvassing near the school. Our sales averaged \$3.50 an hour for the time we canvassed while there. This town is supposed to have been "canvassed to death" too, as some are pleased to express it; but somehow, the people on whom we called were not "dead," for most of

them decided they would like to have a book that would teach them how to keep well while they are well.

We are glad to see such bright prospects for the book work in this field this year; and we trust that many of our people who have been saying, "Yes, sometime I am going into the Lord's work," will take advantage of the unusual opportunities that this year affords, and enter the work at once. What we do not accomplish now, when crops are good, times are prosperous, and money is plentiful, we will have to do in times of peril.

Some of our good territory in southern California has not yet been assigned for the summer. We have good territory left for about five consecrated, energetic workers. Some of this territory has not been worked for about five years for any of our books, so we could hardly say that it has been "worn out." If you are interested, write us for particulars. And, dear reader, if you are not now engaged in some line of the Lord's work, we trust that you will be interested—yes, interested enough to say, "Here am I, Lord; send me."

The following statement is taken from an article by Elder Spicer, which appeared in the *Review* some time ago: "The Seventh-day Adventist to-day who is not devoting every resource, and bending every energy, and managing all his business, for the hastening on of this third angel's message, is in peril of his soul; for if the Master to-day called him to account for his talents, given of God, he would be without excuse."

Reader, are you prepared to give an acceptable excuse for the way you are using your talents, should you be called upon to do so to-day or to-morrow?

C. C. Morlan,
Field Agent S. Calif.

Miscellany

Good Stories

Everybody likes stories. Nothing appeals to children more than the thought of a story. The Saviour recognized this tendency in the human mind, and adapted His teaching to it, for He taught largely by parables—stories.

The great principles of life are best applied, more indelibly impressed upon

the mind, and perfectly knit into the character, when taught through narrations—stories. The Bible is full of this kind of teaching. Teaching through stories is therefore a method of instruction having divine approval. But Satan also, knowing the value of the story method of teaching, has filled the earth with his class of stories; but he has not yet smothered the power of true principles illustrated in good, clean, inspiring stories. Yet he has led some conscientious people to believe that all stories are not only poor reading, but positively injurious. These good people condemn the method, instead of discriminating between good stories and bad stories.

There being a great variety of existing stories, it is not easy to select for our children those possessing only proper instruction in stimulating a love for true principles, and encouraging high ideals. There are often serious errors, and innocent appearing yet harmful sentiments, almost hidden in the most interesting parts of otherwise good stories. These errors and improper sentiments might be likened to the hidden thorns under the roses, which leave a wound as the flowers are gathered.

Knowing the value of good stories, and recognizing the perplexity and often the impossibility of securing suitable stories for children in some places, the *Instructor* has spent much time and money in selecting and printing in book form a collection of stories, naming it "Stories Worth Rereading." This book we recommend to all our readers. It can be secured only as an *Instructor* premium—the *Instructor* for one year and the book for \$1.75.

The June "Signs Magazine"

Notice this partial list of contents—a strong, timely number, indeed:

"The Mark of Apostasy"—A peculiar idol-worship. To oppose itself against the worship of the true God. It will place a mark of authority on almost the whole world. By Mrs. E. G. White.

"God's Eternal Purpose"—What destroyed the Spirit of Christ in the early church? History answers. The conclusion is obvious. By T. E. Bowen.

"A Quick Gospel Work"—To be finished in this generation. Providen-

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"The Nations Prepared for a Mighty Work"—The purpose unchanged. Motives of early and modern Christianity the same. The lesson of the Reformation. A new fulness of the times. The nations ready. By I. H. Evans.

"Man's Heavenly Citizenship"—Heaven is not far away. Its influence may be felt in the daily life. A marvelous privilege for the sons of men. By William Covert.

"The Progress of Astronomy"—A vast universe. Star within star circling as in Ezekiel's vision of a wheel within a wheel. Is it confusion? By Edgar L. Larkin.

"Fossil Horses"—A study for the evolutionist. A remarkable contribution from the pages of geology. By George McCready Price.

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People will appreciate this number of the *Signs Magazine*, and it ought to see a wide circulation.

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Obituary

HEGEL.—Another faithful soldier of the cross was laid at rest April 19 in the Hanford cemetery. Robert Hegel was born in Germany sixty-six years ago. But little is known here of his life previous to a few years ago. He was a faithful member of the Hanford church, and lived a good Christian life. The cause of present truth is the one thing he esteemed above everything else. His suffering was of short duration. Was confined to his bed scarcely a week, but Friday night, April 17, yielded to the dread disease, cancer of the stomach. The funeral was conducted by, the writer, using as a text Rev. 14:13.

J. R. Patterson.

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THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1914

Wanted, for missionary work, copies of tracts and any of our evangelical or health periodicals for children, youth, or adults, in English, German, Portuguese, or Italian. William E. Whitmore, Winton, Merced County, California.

In a letter just received from Elder W. S. Holbrook, who is laboring at Lake City, California, we find this item: "We are now busy with our new church building here in Lake City. The building will be 22 x 40, fourteen foot ceiling, with a balcony for Sabbath-school work. This structure will be without debt."

In sending in his report for Arizona, Brother Innis, the field agent, adds: "Conditions at present along the border make our work rather difficult. Lack of confidence in anything substantial, and the general unrest caused by warlike conditions, cause our sales to be rather small. We are of good courage, and hope for the best. May the Lord hold back the winds of strife a little longer, until we can finish the work. Pray for us."

"While engaged in a line of house-to-house work in Fullerton some time ago," said Brother C. O. Blincoe, in a missionary meeting in Oakland during the ministerial institute, "I prayed the Lord to lead me to some one whom I might interest in the truth. I worked along until Wednesday afternoon without finding any one who showed a special interest. At the last place I called, I showed the article I was selling, but the woman did not care for it. Taking a tract from my pocket, I asked if she would like a religious tract. She took it readily, and recognizing it to be a

Seventh-day Adventist tract, said she wished she might meet a Seventh-day Adventist. When she learned I was an Adventist, she invited me in, and we had a Bible study. I left reading-matter with her, and she is in the truth to-day."

The steamer *Siberia*, which was mistakably reported lost with seven hundred on board, had in its reading-room two binders that our ship missionary, Brother G. A. Kuhns, San Francisco, kept filled regularly with up-to-date numbers of the *Signs of the Times* weekly and the *Signs Magazine*. "Every trip she went out from the San Francisco harbor," said Brother Kuhns, "she carried from 150 to 250 of our papers." Thirty-two different vessels going in and out of San Francisco carry library periodical binders in which are placed each month the *Signs of the Times Magazine*. These magazines are read by the passengers. Brother Kuhns needs more clean, up-to-date magazines and papers to use in the ship missionary work. Packages of literature may be sent to him to Room 20, Number 10, East Street, San Francisco, California.

Wanted

Seventh-day Adventist families to pick berries. Address P. G. Dorward, R. D. Route 3, Sebastopol, California.

For Sale

A portion of my home site, beautiful for situation, and convenient to the college. For information address George B. Miller, Pacific Union College, St. Helena, California.

For Sale or Trade

A house and lot in Lodi, near church and church school, also two lots. Address J. J. Hanley, 329 Flora Street, Lodi, California.

For Sale

Five room cottage, with large sleeping porch, pantry, bath, toilet, hot and cold water, fireplace, and two acres of land, with plenty of wood for fuel. Ten-minute walk from Pacific Union College, St. Helena, California. Would

like to sell at early date. For further information address C. L. Taylor, San Fernando, California.

Ten Acre Farm for Sale

In order to dispose of the remaining ten acres of my thirty acre farm at Galt, California, will make a special price for the next thirty days. This ten acres is situated one mile west of the center of Galt, California, has three large, massive oak-trees, a four room frame house, wood-shed, chicken house and run, good well and pump, abundance of good water, all excellent land, in volunteer crop. Price \$2,900, \$1,566 cash, \$1,334 on terms of five years, yearly payments of \$266, interest six per cent. For further particulars write to W. P. Plummer, Galt, Cal.

C. E. Ford.

Northern California Conference

The fifth annual session of the Northern California Conference of the Seventh-day Adventists will convene on the camp ground in Sacramento, California, June 10, 1914, at 9:00 A. M., for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, and of transacting such other business as may properly come before the delegates. Each church is entitled to one delegate for its organization, and one additional delegate for each twenty members. The executive committee, ordained ministers, and representatives of the Pacific Union Conference, the North American Division Conference, and the General Conference are delegates at large.

C. L. Taggart, *President*.

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Northern California Conference Association of the Seventh-Day Adventists

The fifth annual meeting of the constituents of the Northern California Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists, incorporated under the law of the state of California, will convene on the camp ground at Sacramento, California, Monday, June 15, 1914, at 10:00 A. M., for the election of the board of trustees for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the session.

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